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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF STODDARD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

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Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen credit the town for the year ending March 1, 1880, *as follows:—*

By cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1879,	$67.55
" of J. M. Rice, taxes of 1879,	3,226.44
" J. M. Rice, resident highway tax, 1879,	9.20
" Hosea Proctor, taxes 1878,	462.57
" J. M. Rice, support of paupers,	260.39
" Solon Esty, support of paupers,	215.56
Amount collected on taxes, 1875–6,	48.89
Interest on taxes, 1875–6,	9.29
Received on taxes, 1874,	29.25
" Josie E. Scott, on town note,	25.00
" State bounty on foxes and hawks,	16.60
" Israel F. Town, taxes, 1873–4,	10.00
" Jonas Taylor, taxes, 1877,	4.50
" County Commissioners,	5.00
" Solon A. Carter, savings bank tax,	377.62
" Solon A. Carter, literary fund,	50.69
" E. Stevens, on note, bondsman E. S. Messenger,	349.79
" J. F. Whittemore, rent on Tyler lot,	1.20
" I. F. Town, " " "	1.20
" J. H. Scott, for use of town hall,	3.50
	$5,174.24

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders on Town Treasurer. Principal & Interest on Town Notes.

Paid Chastina Shedd, interest,	$110.00
Hosea Proctor,	87.58
J. M. Rice,	10.00
E. Stevens,	372.26
Nettie Blanchard,	27.00
S. Knight,	217.45
Frank S. Lewis,	39.18
Frank Dodge,	3.72
Con. Society,	17.83
	$885.02

State and County Tax.

Paid G. Litchfield, county tax,	$475.38
Solon A. Carter, state tax,	576.00

Support of Paupers.

Paid Solon Esty,	$639.35

Support of Schools.

Paid Wm. S. Tuttle,	District No. 1,	$107.45
George R. Jefts,	" " 2,	63.02
Fred A. Davis,	" " 3,	55.11
A. E. Barrows,	" " 4,	24.02
J. M. Robb,	" " 5,	97.91
Gilman Stacy,	" " 6,	93.50
Fred S. Reed,	" " 8,	41.78
George E. Reed,	" " 9,	18.85
		$501.64

Paid repairing school house in District No. 1,	$48.17
" " " " " 2,	1.72
	$49.89

Repairing Highways and Bridges, 1879.

Paid E. H. Shepard, sharpening drills,	$3.40
Frank H. Knight,	6.19
E. J. Curtis, plank and timber,	12.25
E. J. Curtis,	14.04
Hosea W. Dodge,	1.12
Lester C. Guillow,	6.96
A. H. Waldron,	3.06
B. H. Griffith,	3.36
C. H. Dodge, 1878,	2.16
George R. Jefts, plank,	4.00
Ira E. Comstock,	.90
Frank E. Comstock,	2.80
Gordon & Russell, plank,	10.02
John M. Curtis,	1.96
Peter S. Fox,	3.36
Harvey Wilson,	3.08
Newton Waldron,	1.14
Remus Lowell,	2.52
C. P. Pitcher, powder and fuse,	1.97
Thomas Hastings,	2.90
Eben Stacy,	2.24
Lester C. Guillow,	3.24
Daniel Whittier,	2.02
L. R. Sales,	4.00
George W. Holt,	1.20
Henry Wilson,	28.06
Nathan Stacy,	2.72
C. O. Neil,	.96
James Robb,	24.92
George E. Reed, plank,	6.69
George E. Reed,	4.00
E. H. Shepard,	1.90
Gilman Stacy, plank,	49.04
Gilman Stacy,	5.87
Charles X. Cutter,	2.80
Nathan Stacy,	6.40

Paid J. F. Whittemore, plank,	$6.08
W. E. Clayton, "	2.28
Nicholas Carr,	4.20
Jonas Harvey,	5.04
William L. Abbott,	1.24
James Robb & Co., plank in 1875,	42.09
C. Robb, 1877,	5.40
	$299.58

Breaking Roads in 1877.

Paid C. Robb,	$25.34

Breaking Roads in 1879-80.

Paid Daniel Stacy,	$5.04
Elias B. Smith,	2.10
Nathan Curtis,	16.00
Wm. S. Tuttle,	1.44
E. J. Curtis,	25.48
P. W. Hopkins,	14.00
James H. Scott,	10.62
E. Minard,	13.16
A. W. Huntington,	3.40
W. H. Chapin,	8.80
Calvin Barrett,	3.00
Thomas Foster,	.60
Joel F. Whittemore,	8.34
Charles H. Dodge,	24.84
J. Langdon Reed,	6.36
George R. Jefts,	12.60
George W. Thorning,	4.32
Chas. P. Jefts,	7.20
Lester C. Guillow,	1.68
George Richardson,	8.04
Ellis Pitcher,	5.76
James H. Stevens,	13.56
F. H. Knight,	10.50

Paid J. D. Hale,	$5.34
J. M. F. Thomas,	6.09
George S. Robb,	.84
C. O. Neil,	7.08
Hosea Proctor,	7.02
Henry W. Reed,	5.29
Gilman Stacy,	4.32
J. M. Rice,	9.60
Henry Shoults,	30.27
G. W. Hunt,	5.13
W. E. Clayton,	3.72
Asa Davis,	21.24
Henry Tyrrell,	2.04
F. H. Knight,	4.50
Hosea Proctor,	.48
R. B. Curtis,	3.00
Henry Shoults,	4.34
J. H. Stevens,	3.96
Hannah A. Curtis,	9.96
James E. Reed,	.90
Eben Stacy,	8.64
Silas Dinsmore,	.24
C. Robb,	10.80
James Robb,	5.70
F. L. Weeks,	5.04
	$372.38

Miscellaneous Expenditures.

Paid for printing reports, 1879,	$13.14
Council fees, 1878–9,	24.00
Stationery,	7.43
Wood, 1878,	2.75
Wood, 1879,	2.50
Bounty on foxes and hawks,	6.30
Sawing wood,	.35
Goodale & Stacy, perambulating lines,	1.75

Paid E. Stevens, perambulatiug lines,	$2.50
Selectmen for horse hire,	9.50
	$70.22

Over-taxed in 1878–79.

Paid H. Proctor on McIntire tax,	$4.00
S. Knight,	1.48
J. D. Cutter,	4.00
	$9.48

Services of Town Officers.

Paid H. H. Colburn, S. S. Committee,	$23.00
H. W. Reed, Supervisor,	1.80
Henry Wilson, Selectman,	34.74
James H. Scott, Town Clerk,	17.50
Josiah M. Rice, collecting taxes, 1879,	48.39
E. Stevens, Town Treasurer,	25.00
Wm. S. Tuttle, Selectman,	47.76
James H. Scott, Selectman,	59.26
James H. Scott, collecting taxes, 1873–76,	2.00
	$259.45

Abatement of Taxes.

On tax list of 1879,	$7.48
" " 1878,	13.10
" " 1877,	6.64
" " 1876,	.89
" " 1873–4,	22.47
" " 1868–9,	93.67
	$144.25

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	1.83
	534.34
	$9,456.17

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	$353.29
	12.00
,	1,010.51
1879,	349.64
1878,	57.97
1877,	20.22
1875–6 in hands of	
	427.58
paupers,	159.08
	$2,390.29

Total amount of liabilities,	$9,456.17
Total amount of assets,	2,390.29
Total amount of indebtedness,	$7,065.88
Net indebtedness March 1, 1879,	$7,899.01
" " " " 1880,	7,065.88
Reduction of town debt,	$833.13

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. SCOTT, } *Selectmen of*
WM. S. TUTTLE, } *Stoddard*

Treasurer's Report.

I respectfully submit the following report of the financial transactions of the town of Stoddard, for the year ending March 1st, 1880.

RECEIPTS.

In hands of Treasurer, March 1st, 1879,	$67.55
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" " " for support of paupers,	260.39
" Solon Esty, " "	215.56
" Hosea Proctor, taxes for 1878,	462.57
" James H. Scott, taxes for 1875, '76,	87.43
" " " cash received for bounties,	16.60
" I. F. Towne, taxes of 1873, '74,	10.00
" Jonas Taylor, taxes of 1877,	4.50
" County Commissioners,	5.00
" Solon A. Carter, Savings Bank tax,	377.62
" " Literary Fund,	50.69
E. Stevens, bondsman for E. S. Messenger,	349.79

Received of Josie Scott on town note,	$25.00
" Selectmen for use of town hall,	3.50
" J. F. Whittemore, rent on Tyler lot,	1.20
" I. F. Towne, " " "	1.20
	$5,174.24

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by order of Selectmen.

Paid interest and principal on town notes,	$885.02
Support of schools,	501.64
Repairs on school houses,	49.89
Support of paupers,	639.35
County tax,	475.38
State tax,	576.00
Repairing highways and bridges,	299.58
Breaking roads,	397.72
Miscellaneous items,	70.22
Services of town officers,	259.45
Over-taxed in 1878–9,	9.48
	$4,163.73

Total amt. of receipts for the year ending Mar. 1, '80,	$5,174.24
" disbursements " " " "	4,163.73
Balance in hands of Treasurer, Mar. 1, 1880,	1,010.51
	$5,174.24

E. STEVENS, *Treasurer.*

Report of Overseer of the Poor.

Statement of the expenses of the town of Stoddard for the support of the poor for the year ending March 1, 1880.

Aid for Peggy Dow,	County charge,		$79.50
" Abbie J. Smith,	"	"	8.64
" Norman A. Howe,	"	"	65.74
" Frank L. Thurston,	"	"	55.00
" Emeline Woods,	"	"	34.83
" Betsey Temple,	"	"	54.00
" Ann E. [illegible]	"	"	12.52
" [illegible]	"	"	16.50
" [illegible]	"	"	11.50
		"	8.00
			26.25

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Stoddard, N. H., Feb. 23, 1880.

We hereby certify that we have examine the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Overseer of Poor and find them correctly cast and well vouched for the year 1879.

JOSIAH M. RICE,
ALBERT H. WALDRON,
JAMES M. ROBB,
} *Auditors.*

School Report, 1880.

To the citizens of Stoddard:—Your schools have been fairly successful during the year. The prudential committees were reasonably fortunate in selecting teachers. The inhabitants, with few exceptions, used due diligence in aiding and encouraging them, the teachers endeavored to do their duty, and the children tried to learn.

Two terms of school were taught in the 1st District. The first by Miss E. H. Rogers, commenced May 5, and continued 8 weeks. Average attendance, 39.9. The winter term, taught by Miss G. A. Nutting, commenced Oct. 27, and continued 9 weeks. Average attendance, 30.5. Both terms were successful considering the large number of scholars, and the age and experience of the teachers.

In District No. 2, the first term, taught by Miss A. I. Brown, commenced May 12, and continued 8 weeks. Average attendance, 13. The fall term was taught by Miss Mary E. Davis, and began Aug. 25, ending the 25th of October — 8 weeks. Average attendence, 17 1–15. Good progress was made during both terms. Miss Davis is a careful and successful teacher.

Two terms of school were taught by Miss L. R. Clayton in District No. 3. The summer term commenced May 19, and continued 6 weeks, with an attendance of 5.4 scholars. The fall term began Sept 12th and continued 8 weeks. Average attendance, 4.1. Very good progress was made by the pupils of this district.

Two terms of school were successfully taught by Miss Nelly Knowlton in the 5th District. The first commenced May 12, and continued 8 weeks. Average attendance, 20 17-51. The second began Sept. 1st, and ended Oct. 18—7 weeks. Average attendance, 16.

In District No. 6 Miss Ida E. Carter taught two terms. The first commenced May 5, and closed July 11—10 weeks. Average daily attendance, 14. The second began Sept. 1, and end-

ed Nov. 7. Number of scholars, 14. 20 weeks in all. Very good progress was made during both terms of school in this district.

In District No. 8 the first term was taught by Miss MARY L. RUSSEL, and began May 12, continuing 6 weeks. Attendance, 17 41-60. A successful school.

The fall term, taught by Miss CLARA LOWELL, began Sept. 14 and closed Nov. 14—9 weeks. Average daily attendance, 23 12-90. Some trouble crept into school during this term, but the citizens of the district met and settled it satisfactorily among themselves. Miss Lowell is an energetic teacher and, with the exception referred to, the term was a successful one.

In District No. 9 the first term, and only one of the year, was taught by Miss I. L. HEATH; commencing May 12 and continuing 8 weeks. Attendance 7. Very good progress was made by the pupils during the term.

I have been well pleased with the continued efforts of all the teachers, and the aptness of the children to learn *rote* lessons. I am, however, impressed with the idea that the manner of teaching is not sufficiently practical; that there is too much time consumed in learning very much that is almost useless to the large marjority of our children and too little spent in acquiring the useful.

Few of our children can derive benefits from a knowledge of Africa, but they all need to know very much about their town, county and state. It is most important to adopt a course of training calculated to fix the children's minds near home, and learn them to utilize natural surroundings.

Had this plan been followed during the last 50 years we need not see the deserted school districts, abandoned farms, and other neglected interests that trouble us now.

We could render our school-yards much more attractive by planting a few trees, vines, and flowers, the children would care for and cultivate them, during recess.

By united and continued efforts we can place our schools in a most flourishing condition, and then will follow general success.

Respectfully submitted,

I. D. HALE, *S. S. Committee.*

Stoddard, N. H., March 1, 1880.